

DIARY
of
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GROUSLAND, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

January, Sunday 1. Yesterday was very cold. The thermometer was 24 degrees below zero. Today has been pleasant but cold. I was at home today. Sleighing is good. Read a sermon.

Monday 2. Went to school. Very cold in the morning. 34 degrees below zero in the morning. First day of the term. Study Astronomy, Latin, Greek, Rhetoric, Analasys. Cloudy.

Tuesday 3. Not very cold. Went to school as usual. A ring around the sun in the evening.

Wednesday 4. Snowed last night. Went to school. Cold in the evening 20 below zero. Went to debate.

Thursday 5. Snowed a little. He goes to school nothing happened worth mentioning.

Friday 6. It sleets then rains all forenoon. Afternoon is quite wet. Snows & rains all day & night. Goes to Licyne evening.

Saturday 7. No school. Morning very foggy and thawing. Helped clean oats in the barn. Evening getting colder. Goes to party at Shirks. Sleigh riding.

Sunday 8. The water and snow are frozen solid. Getting warmer. He goes to meeting after took a sleigh ride. Evening hears a sermon. Read. Below freezing.

Monday 9. Weather fine. Goes to school. Was up early. Evening writes a composition. Weather looks for rain.

Tuesday 10. Goes to school. Butchering today. Getting colder wind blows from North. Snowing in evening.

Wednesday 11. Snow has drifted very much. Very cold going to school. Went to spelling school. Evening cold coming home. Jupiter looked very bright.

Thursday 12. Clear & cool going to school. Very good sleighing but cold. Goes to debate in evening.

Friday 13. A pleasant day. Goes to party in evening at O'neals. Had a fine time sleigh riding.

Saturday 14. No school. Don't do much sliding down hill. Mrs. Emmert is here. Stays at home in the evening.

Sunday 15. Stays at home. A pleasant day. Thawing a little. Uncle

George, Aunt Susan, Aunt Mary and John were here today. Had an awfull spell of the belly ache.

Monday 16. I am some better. A pleasant morning. Thawing a little. Going to school. Kate Hollinger is here.

Tuesday 17. Going to school. Pleasant. Does not thaw much. The roads are icy. Evening, snowing a little.

Wednesday 18. Going to school. Snowing in the afternoon. Ground frozen.

Thursday 19. Going to school. Thaws at noon. Goes to debate in evening. After debate helped to skin black heifer.

Friday 20. Going to school. Noon, thawing considerable. Evening, stays at home. Freezing.

Saturday 21. A pleasant morning. Goes over to the barn to help thrash and clean oats. Noon, thawing. Water runs a good deal.

Sunday 22. A pleasant day. Thawing. Abram Rhorer & wife are here. Sleighing is nearly spoiled. Reads a sermon in evening.

Monday 23. Morning warm. Goes to school. Thawing. Evening still thawing does not freeze.

Tuesday 24. Morning cloudy, damp & windy, wet & muddy. Sleighing all gone. Rode into school. Evening freezing.

Wednesday 25. Cool morning. Windy. Ground is frozen. All day cloudy. Evening very dark.

Thursday 26. Snowed in the night. Gorgey died in the night. It is still snowing very fast. Does not go to school. Stops snowing before noon.

Friday 27. Snow is 9 in. deep. Goes to the funeral. Does not go to school.

Saturday 28. No school. Reads Ivenhoe, a novel written by Scott. Thaws some today where the snow is tramped.

Sunday 29. Stays at home. Pleasant day. Thaws a good deal. Not cold until evening.

Monday 30. Cold & windy. Goes to school. Does not thaw any. Evening very windy and cold. Goes to Uncle Johns. Took Mrs. Tompkins partway home. Gets home 11 o'clock.

Tuesday 31. Very cold. Thermometer 10° below zero. Wind blows from N.W. Goes to school.

February Wednesday 1. Very cold. 12 degrees below zero fahrenheit. Goes to school.

Thursday 2. Goes to school. Mr. & Mrs. Grove were here. Goes to debate. Had a very interesting time. Our side won the question.

Friday 3. Goes to school. Evening, very large circle around the moon reaching one-half distance from Zenith to horizon.

Saturday 4. Morning, raining. Does not go to school. Snowing nearly all day. Writes a constitution for our debating society.

Sunday 5. Snowing very fast. Evening, freezing hard.

Monday 6. Goes to school. Snowing in fore noon. The moon is 9 digits eclipsed. It is darker than when not eclipsed. The eclipsed part looks red.

Tuesday 7. Goes to school. Sleighing is tolerable. Miss Gregory is still sick. In evening goes to elocutionary entertainment. They spoke very well.

Wednesday 8. Goes to school. He is appointed monitor. The night for the debate were but five persons there. We adjourned without debating.

Thursday 9. Goes to school. Cold & windy. Evening, hear a lecture on the brain by Uncle John. Saw the brain of a man and two skulls. Sung publicly.

Friday 10. Goes to school. Cold. Does not thaw. School leaves out at three o'clock. Evening, practicing on the flute and writing notes.

Saturday 11. No school. Cleaning out cow stable. Snows a little. Evening, very tired. Goes to elocution. Tolerable. Interesting. Sleighing is nearly gone.

Sunday 12. Takes mother to town to Aunt Mary. Takes Aunt down to the creek to see them baptise John Bowman & others. Then walks home. Thawing considerable.

Monday 13. Goes to school in buggy. Sleighing is gone. Nothing important happens. Very muddy & wet.

Tuesday 14. Rides to school. Great change in the weather. Yesterday it was warm. Today it is frozen. All day cloudy.

Wednesday 15. Snowing very fast. Goes to school. Stops snowing at 11 o'clock. Evening, cold & windy, no clouds.

Thursday 16. Goes to school. Cold. Read compositions in afternoon. Goes to debate in evening but 11 there.

Friday 17. Goes to school. Still cold. Got through the astronomy yesterday. Commenced reviewing today.

Saturday 18. No school coping Johnathan's account and writing a composition. Afternoon goes out to Reas. Came back through Blackoak.

Sunday 19. A very pleasant day. Thawing. Evening reads a sermon by Rev. T. Whilks.

Monday 20. Goes to school. A pleasant morning, Thaws considerable. Water running in creeks in all the hollows.

Tuesday 21. Goes to school. Not frozen much. Thawing all day. Evening, very dark and raining fast.

Wednesday 22. Morning, still raining. Goes to school. Raining yet. Ground is very wet. Got rid of the steers today.

Thursday 23. Snowed a little last night and froze a thin crust over the top just enough to keep from getting one feet muddy. Goes to school. Thaw before night.

Friday 24. Frozen hard this morning. Goes to school. Gets through Liber first of Caesar's Commentorium. Does not thaw only on the south side of a hill. Trying to snow.

Saturday 25. No school. Cleaning out cow stable. Does not thaw much. Evening, writes a composition. Subject, Young America.

Sunday 26. A very pleasant morning. Warm and thawing fast. Spent most of the day at Shirks.. Very muddy. Tries to shave. Cuts his lip in two places. Reads a sermon.

Monday 27. Goes to school. Warm and thawing. Very muddy. Mr. Flower gets gessee. Got some seed wheat of Deetz.

Tuesday 28. Did not freeze last night. Goes to school. Very foggy all day. Raining part of the day.

Wednesday 29. Goes to school. Sent ten head of cattle to Rhorers. The ground is drying some. Cloudy & muddy.

March, Thursday 1. A pleasant day. Some wind. Roads dried very much. Goes to school. Had a very fine game of ball at noon.

Friday 2. Goes to school. A pleasant day but windy. The stars shine very last evening. Mrs. Miller is here this evening.

Saturday 3. A pleasant day. Morning, goes to town. Then to the farm. Applies to the director for the school.

Sunday 4. Pleasant. Goes to meeting in the school house. Afternoon, Aunt Mary comes from town.

Monday 5. Pleasant. Goes to school. Commenced to review Greek.

Tuesday 6. Cloudy. Goes to school. Rains. After school it clears off. Have to study hard. Examination is at the end of this term.

Wednesday 7. A warm day but windy. Goes to school. Felix tried harrowing today but it is too wet. They have court this week.

Thursday 8. Cloudy and windy. Goes to school. Snoes a little. The boys are nearly all leaving school.

Friday, 9. Pleasant day. Goes to school. Sewed five bushels of wheat on the breaking. 1

Saturday 10. Goes to town. Pleasant afternoon. Goes to court in the new court house to hear the witnesses examined in regard to Nigger who is tried for murder.

Sunday 11. A pleasant day. Aunt Susan, John & Annie Bowman were here today.

Monday 12. Pleasant day. Goes to school.

Tuesday 13. Goes to school. A fine day. 2

Wednesday 14. Pleasant. Goes to school. Sewed some watermelon seeds in a box.

Thursday 15. Pleasant. Goes to school. In evening had public exercises at the Seminary. Was not there.

Friday 16. Goes to school. Played ball after school. In a clear evening the planets Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury are visible.

Saturday 17. He harrows & all forenoon plants potatoes and some wheat came from Chicago. In the morning was up at 3 o'clock saw planet Mars.

Sunday 18. Goes over to the farm. Afternoon, rains in showers.

Monday 19. Goes to school. Very windy. Finished sewing the breaking today.

Tuesday 20. Lin goes to school. The wind blows very cold and hard from the North West. He tries to find the planet Herschel.

Wednesday 21. He goes to school. Not so cold as it was but still windy. Cannot see the stars because the clouds.

Thursday 22. Goes to school. Wind blows from the South. Afternoon it rains. Evening, goes to town to see the panorama.

Friday 23. Goes to school. Windy. Afternoon, blows the dust very hard. Evening, goes to town to hear a lecture on school by Sup. T.

Saturday 24. Windy. He plows a little patch at the end of the orchard and sows some barley, Hungarian grass and timothy. He digs his garden.

Sunday 25. Jimmie Tomkins is here, playing nearly all day. Reads a sermon. Mr. Rhorer is here. Evening cold.

Monday 26. It snowed last night. Goes to school. Warm and pleasant in the afternoon. Evening, goes to public exercises in the Seminary.

Tuesday 27. Goes to school. Windy and dusty. Mr. Shirk is here in evening.

Wednesday 28. Goes to school. Pleasant weather. The roads are dusty.

Thursday 29. Goes to school. Pleasant, dusty & windy. The Union School commenced their examination today.

Friday 30. Windy. No school in the afternoon. Goes to the Union School examination afternoon. Evening, goes to hear Mr. Smith lecture at the Seminary.

Saturday 31. Cloudy. Goes to the farm to dig holes for apple trees. Afternoon, it rains. He plants some strawberry stalks. Evening, very tired.

April, Sunday 1. Goes to Uncle Georges. Had a pleasant time. There are three different kinds of flowers in blossom.

Monday 2. Cloudy. Goes to school. Rains a little. Evening, he goes to the Union School exhibition in the upper part of the Baptist Church.

Tuesday 3. Goes to school. Pleasant. It is cloudy in the evening. He goes to school exhibition in the Baptist Church. Rains a little in the night.

Wednesday 4. Goes to school late. Very windy all day. Sets a goose.

Thursday 5. Goes to school. Windy.

Friday 6. Goes to school. Windy. Next week is the examination.

Saturday 7. Morning, harrowing wheat. Afternoon, fixing the flower bed. No school. Betty had a stud colt last night.

Sunday 8. Stays at home. Windy.

Monday 9. Goes to school in the rain. The last day of recitation at school. Tomorrow is examination. Raining all day nearly.

Tuesday 10. First day of examination. Not many there. Was examined in analysis. We have had several messes of greens and Rhubarb pies.

Wednesday 11. Second day of examination. A few more were there. Was examined in Greek. Public exercises in the evening. Spoke the "Summer Squall."

Thursday 12. Last day of examination. House full in afternoon. He was examined in Latin, Astronomy & Rhetoric. Public exercises in evening. Spoke the "Coachman".

Friday 13. No school. Planting currant bushes and cherry trees over at the farm. Afternoon, goes to Long for apple trees.

Saturday 14. Planting apple trees in the new orchard. Planted 37.

Wednesday 18. Harrowing the breaking. Afternoon goes to Long's for 20 apple trees.

Thursday 19. Hauling manure for the apple trees and burning brush.

Friday 20. Making fence. Afternoon, ploughing.

Saturday 21. Ploughing.

Sunday 22. Pleasant. Aunty Ann & Annie Bowman, John & Abe & Harry were here.

Monday 23. Transplanting maple trees around the new house. Hauls the old boat up to the quarry. Betty took Beccars Stud. Harrowing the breaking.

Tuesday 24. Harrowing. Afternoon, planting potatoes & corn.

Wednesday 25. Planting corn. Weather than usual.

Thursday 26. Harrowing. Windy & dusty. Came very near snowing. Uncle Solomon came here today.

Friday 27. Working at the cellar of the new house. This afternoon a little sister was born.

Saturday 28. Working at the cellar to the new house.

Sunday 29. He goes to meeting. After to Shirks. A pleasant day.

May, Tuesday 1. Hauling the door frames for the new house & working at the cellar.

Wednesday 2. We all went a fishing to plum river. Did not have very good luck. I caught a pike that weighed 8 lbs.

Thursday 3. He goes to town. Bought a Panama hat for \$2.00. Warm & dusty. Afternoon, had a shower of wind, dust & rain.

Friday 4. Dropping corn all day. They cover it with the harrow. Windy. He intends to go to Rock Island.

Saturday 5. Planting corn in forenoon. Finished in the afternoon.

Sunday 6. He goes over to the Grove in swimming. Gathered some flowers. Afternoon, reading.

Monday 7. Morning, raining. Clearing off. Pleasant. Becker was her with his horse. Sade & Jesse took. Setting out tomato & cabbage stalks. Planting watermelons.

Tuesday 8. Morning, started for Rock Island. Arrived at Savannah 9 o'clock A.M. Waiting for a boat. Part of the time fishing from a barge in the river. Sometimes hunting for shells & watching for boats.

Wednesday 9. Very windy and cold. Stayed in the house nearly all day waiting for a boat. In the evening a boat came down but would not stop. About 12 o'clock.

Thursday 10. The Northern Light came down and stopped for freight. They were so delighted did not know what to do. The boat passed over the rapids & through the bridge nicely.

Friday 11. We arrived at Rock Island yesterday about 9 o'clock A.M. He goes over to see Davenport. It is a very nice place. The sun shines very hot. Was fishing. He saw old Fort Armstrong on Rock Island.

Saturday 12. Solomon hired a team and we all went fishing to Rock River. Saw Blackhawk watch tower. Caught but one small fish all day.

Sunday 13. Not very well this morning. He goes to Sunday school. Goes to Baptist Meeting but did not stay. Not well enough. Takes a walk along the River.

Monday 14. Two boats went up in the morning. Bought a cage & Mrs. Lingle gave me two canarie birds just six weeks old. In the evening the Steamer LaCrosse came up. Took massage on hair for \$1.00.

Tuesday 15. This boat left Rock Island early in the morning passed through bridge and over rapids without trouble. Fell in company with Esry Austin. Landed at Savannah in evening.

Wednesday 16. Started for home in the stage, got there about x. Fixing the birds. Cleaned out the buggy house. Fixed my fish net. Nancy Nipe was here.

Thursday 17. Cleaning up wheat in morning. Digging at the cellar. Ground is very hard. Afternoon, raining a little. Cool. The corn is beginning to come up.

Friday 18. He goes to town in the buggy for some flour. Digging at the cellar. Afternoon, painting the frames for the new house. Raining.

Saturday 19. He goes a fishing with the stirnet. Caught about a peck. Afternoon, hoeing in the garden, replanting corn where the little pigs took it.

Sunday 20. Raining nearly all day. Hailed in the afternoon. In the evening it lightning very much and hailed. The ground will soon be soaked.

Monday 21. Helping to haul wood for to burn lime for the new house. Broke the copling pole to the wagon. The creek is higher than usual & cloudy very good for fishing.

Tuesday 22. Yesterday was cludy but today the sun shines hot. Things are drying off. Sowed some timothy seed in the sloughs. Hoeing in the garden & fixing saddle.

Wednesday 23. Rained hard in night. Helping haul wood & stone. The creek is cloudy & high. Painted one of the large door frames. Dipping the water out of the foundation ditches of the new house.

Thursday 24. Planting some potatoes and helping grease the harness. Evening, goes a fishing with stir net. The creek was to high for fishing.

Friday 25. Painted the largest door frame. Afternoon, helped a man to build a lime kiln. First dig a level place 10 by 12 feet. Then two eves or ditches 8 feet long, 2 feet a part, wider at the top than the bottom. Then arch the stone over there. The outside is edged up with small stone, larger ones inside.

Sunday 27. A very warm day. Was over at Uncle Georges. John has been sick. Coming home I found thirty different varieties of flowers.

Monday 28. Making hills for planting sweet potatoe sprouts. Ploughing corn with Lize. Planting sweet corn, melons, cucumbers & squash on the breaking. Not so very warm but windy in afternoon.

Tuesday 29. Helping haul rock & helping at the lime kiln. Very windy. Blew the top off of some of the trees. Rained once & hailed a little. Evening, cold.

Wednesday 30. Forenoon, helping at the lime kiln & painting a frame. Afternoon, ploughing corn, very grassy. Some of the corn

Thursday 31. is high enough to plough & some is just up in the same row. Got Betty up & ploughing sweet corn and potatoes. Commenced

June, Friday 1. on the large field. Very warm. Afternoon, cooler. Ploughing with Rover. This is Bowmans birthday. Uncle Solomon is still here. The strawberries are ripe.

Saturday 2. Bowmans were going to have a birthday party at the barn, but it commenced to rain in the morning and rained all day. This rain

Sunday 3. was very beneficial to the corn. Warm all day. Was to Uncle Georges and to meeting in the forenoon. Afternoon, road down Carroll creek to see the cave. Evening,

Monday 4. Rained hard and lightning a great deal. Ploughing corn all day. Nearly finished the big field. Corn is growing fast. Evening, very tired. Not very warm but not cold.

Tuesday 5. All went a fishing to the Mississippi bottom. Did not have very good luck. Caught 1 dog fish that weighed 7lbs.

Wednesday 6. Morning, raining. Goes over to the farm. The lime kiln is burnt but not cold yet. Covering it with boards. Cloudy.

Thursday 7. Cleaning gun in forenoon. To wet to plow. Afternoon took horses to town & Grist. Got horses shod, got a sack of salt. Johnathan did not come over. Letter from Simon.

Friday 8. Hauling gravel & rock on the new road. Hauling stone into the cellar. Afternoon, hauling lime & frames. Brought Grist home from mill.

Saturday 9. Hauling rock & sand. Commenced laying the foundation to the house. Afternoon, goes to town to mass meeting. Republican. Pleasant.

Sunday 10. A pleasant day. Gathering strawberries. Tolerable. Plenty. Afternoon, reading the history of Illinois. Amos & Sol went to Albany.

Monday 11. Johnathan came back. Hauling rock & water. Afternoon, ploughing corn. Cloudy & thundering. Did not rain except in morning.

Tuesday 12. Carrying mortar, hauling gravel, making road up the hill, hauling water, hunting calves. Afternoon, rained quite heavy. After rain, hunting calves.

Wednesday 13. Hunting our 4 calves all over the prairie back of Buskirks & Poffenbegers. Did not find them. Afternoon, hoeing in the garden. They are making the road part here.

Thursday 14. Fixing fence and gate in the forenoon. Afternoon, ploughing, breaking, & harrowing it. Ploughing the potatoes.

Friday 15. Took the team over to the farm. Hauled four loads of sand, two loads of water and two loads of lime. Have four mason at the house.

Saturday 16. Forenoon, hauling lime, sand & water. Afternoon, goes to a party at Shirks. There were six ladies there. Were out to the swing.

Sunday 17. Mr. Miller died. Told Shirks of it. Uncle John, Aunt Mary & Mamy & Jenny were here. A pleasant day.

Monday 18. Had a mess of peas & new potatoes. Hauling Lime, sand & water. Have three masons & two tenders at work at the house. Hauling rock. on the drag.

Tuesday 19. Hauled 5 loads of sand, 1 load of lime & 1 load of water. A little cloudy. The wheat and some timothy is in blossom. Johnathan got the buggy. Pa slated for Chicago.

Wednesday 20. A warm day. Making road. Scooping the sand bank out. Hauled 1 load of sand & 1 of lime. Dragging rock on the drag for

Friday 22. the foundation of the kitchen part. Dragging rock. Hauled 1 load of water & lime. A warm day. Goes round by town with the men.

Saturday 23. Hauled 1 load of water & lime. Dragging rock for the foundation of the kitchen part of the house at noon. Was in swimming. Came home at 3'o'clock P.M.

Saturday 23. See Friday made a mistake. The currants are getting ripe. There is a great amount of travel along the new road.

Sunday 24. A very pleasant morning. Dug some new potatoes. After dinner Amol & I took a ride over to Uncle Georges. P. M. rode out in Blackoak.

Monday 25. Warm in the forenoon. At noon sprinkled a little. Dragging rock. Hauled 3 loads of sand. Mr. Emmert got his wagon. Evening, warm.

Tuesday 26. It rained a little last night and this morning. Hauled 4 loads of sand, 1 of lime and one of water. Put up two window frames.

Wednesday 27. Rained last night pretty heavy. Masons did not work in forenoon. Goes to town. Pa gave me a watch that he got at Chicago. Hauled one

Thursday 28. load of brick. Got a horse rake at Blakes. Morning, hauled one load of water. Rained hard. Painting the window frames in the barn. Evening, setting out plants.

Friday 29. Goes to town in the buggy for flour and groceries. Took Mother to Shirks. Afternoon, hauled one load of lime & one of sand.

Saturday 30. Goes to town in the morning with a grist. Hauled a load of brick for the house, hauled one load of sand and water. Afternoon, hoeing sweet potatoes.

July, Sunday 1. Sprinkling in the forenoon. Afternoon, pleasant. Had a mess of raspberries. Afternoon goes out to Felixes. Mother & Pa went into Uncle Johns. Evening, warm.

Monday 2. Goes out to Beckars for a mowing machine. Forenoon, raining. Afternoon, mowing the orchard and some timothy with the machine.

Tuesday 3. Morning, commenced mowing. Broke the cickle. Got it mended. Finished the orchard. Afternoon, rained and blew very hard. Lodged some of the

Wednesday 4. grain. Goes to town. Went to the picnic at the county farm. Had a nice time. Evening, hunting the calves, found two of them.

Thursday 5. Mowing. Broke the cickle. Hauling in hay. Afternoon, mowing in the old field. The wheat is getting ripe fast.

Friday 6. Forenoon, mowing and raking hay with horse rake. Afternoon, hauling in hay. Made two nice stacks. Rave the hay all out of the orchard field.

Saturday 7. Took the mower home. Raking hay. Afternoon, hauling in hay. Made on stack. Have this field clear. Evening, cloudy, rained and blew very hard. Lodged some wheat.

Sunday 8. A pleasant day. Goes over to the farm in swimming. At home in the afternoon. John Emmert and Will Shirk were here. Windy nearly all day

Monday 9. Hauling sand. Afternoon, hauling in hay. Intend to commence harvesting on Wednesday. The wheat is ripening fast. The bugs are in the late wheat.

Tuesday 10. Hauled 3 loads of sand, 2 loads of water and 2 loads of lime. Cloudy nearly all day. Got some ship stuff and the grist at the mill.

Wednesday 11. Cloudy. Goes out to Beckars for a reaper. Did not get any. Afternoon, commenced harvesting with Emmerts reaper.

Thursday 12. A fine day for harvesting. Cut all the wheat that was fit. Some of the wheat is very good. The club wheat is best.

Friday 13. Hauling sand and water. Hauled 2 loads of half burnt lime stone around some of the apple trees. The choke cherries are ripe. Not very warm.

Saturday 14. Hauling rock all day. Johnathan is sick. Intend to commence harvesting on Monday. Haul the rock from the creek.

Sunday 15. A very warm day. At home all day. Mother and Pa went to town. All the wheat and oats are nearly ripe. Intend to com-

Monday 16. mence harvesting today. Cut with our horses. Commenced on the piece above the orchard. The bugs are bad on the late wheat.

Tuesday 17. A very war morning. 10 o'clock a slight shower. A very hot afternoon. Finished cutting all the wheat and a little oats.

Wednesday 18. Rained last night and thundered quite sharp. Goes to Mr. Emmerts to harvest his oats. It is not very ripe and is down some.

Thursday 19. A fine day but very hot. Stayed at home. Reading a story by Irving. Tolerable. Interesting book.

Friday 20. About 10 o'clock some very heavy clouds came up from the southwest. It soon began to rain and

Saturday 21. blow until had blown down nearly all the shocks and several trees. It damaged the wheat considerable blowing the shocks down

Sunday 22. and raining on the. Setting the shocks up to dry. Afternoon went a hunting. Shot 4 larks and 2 rabbits. Missed a prairie chicken.

Monday 23. Hunting the cows all day. Did not find them. Saw a wolf trying to kill a little calf, but was chased away by the other cattle.

Tuesday 24. Hauling rock over at the house. Hauled a load of water and a load of lime. The storm blew several trees across the road.

Wednesday 25. Eunting. A girl was out to Blackoak among the Dutch. Did not find any. Ross has been sick in bed since Monday. Was hunting in the evening.

Thursday 26. Harvesting our oats. The reaper does not cut it all carrying shieves. Very warm. Did not get quite through.

Friday 27. Morning, finished the oats, the last of our harvest this year. Afternoon hauled a load of water and sand.

Saturday 28. Morning, rained till 1 o'clock. Hunting for larks. Shot 4 for Rossy. Cloudy all day. After hunting for some prairie chickens, did not find any.

Sunday 29. Rode over to the farm. Was in swimming. Rode over to the grove. The blackberries are beginning to ripen. Had to ride home bare backed.

Monday 30. Commenced hauling in wheat with two teams, 2 pitchers. I loaded & Mr. Spracker stacked it. The wheat is in good order for stacking.

Tuesday 31. Hauling in wheat with one team and 2 wagons. Stacked the wheat back of the old board stable. Haul that above the orchard down past the stable. Cool in the

August, Wednesday 1. morning, finished hauling in the wheat. Have nice stacks. Afternoon, commenced at the oats. Stacking it on the hill near the hedge.

Thursday 2. Morning, raining in showers all fore noon. Afternoon go after blackberries. Found more in our grove than in Uncles. The carpenters are laying

Friday 3. the rafters on the first floor. Raining. Weeding the sweet potatoes. Hunting, shot some larks & a quail. Afternoon raking the wheat stubbles above the orchard.

Saturday 4. Hauling in I pitched and Aby loaded. Got all the hauling done, very glad. Have roasting ears. There is one tree of sweet apples.

Sunday 5. that are fit to eat. At home all day. Mother and father have gone away. Frank & Jesse Rahn were here & Jacob Shirk & John Bowman. Warm.

Monday 6. Goes to town in the wagon. Bought $\frac{1}{2}$ pound of powder. Took a load of brick & a crane for the fireplace. Very sultry. Hauled four loads of sand & load of lime & one of water.

Tuesday 7. Johnathan brought the mowing machine and I mowed the rest of the forenoon. Afternoon, the cickle broke. Took it to town.

Wednesday 8. In the morning went to town for cickle and some irons for the fireplace in the new house. Hauled 2 loads of sand. P. M. finished mowing the meadow and took the machine home.

Thursday 9. Raking up the with the horse rake. Afternoon, hauled all the good hay in. It made 2 stacks. The clover is not very good.

Friday 10. of last years being more than half weeds. Morning, get in some seet corn for Mother to dry. Finished hauling hay. Made 2 small stacks.

Saturday 11. Hauled 1 load of brick from town, hauled 1 load of water and then load of lime in our kiln. Plowing and scooping the dirt off of the sand bank.

Sunday 12. Very cool night and morning. Ma & Pa went over to Uncle Georges. John Bowman is here. Heard that Uncle Johns had a daughter. Mother and Pa went into see them.

Monday 13. Went through town to Livingston for a load of lime. Hauled 7 loads of sand. Very cool in the evening.

Tuesday 14. Morning. Commenced ploughing for myself. Have taken the farm on the halves. The oats was cradled and is very weedy which makes it very bad ploughing.

Wednesday 15. Plowing. How to lower the weeds. Fasten a chain to the end of the double tree and the other to the plow leaving it bag so as to drag down the stubbles. Afternoon, got Uncle George. Rained in evening.

Thursday 16. Reaper to mow the clover mixed with thistles and weeds. It cuts them very well. Cutting grass on the bottom. Some very tall.

Friday 17. Finished mowing the clover. Mowing weeds in the lower part of the orchard. A few of the trees have died this summer.

Saturday 18. Hauling in hay, 2 loads. Afternoon, finished mowing. Took the machine home. They have all the window sills of the first story laid.

Sunday 19. A pleasant day. At home in the forenoon. Afternoon, Mozep & Lize up to Cherry Grove to see about a sill for the front door.

Monday 20. Ploughing in the forenoon. Afternoon, hauling in hay. Bowman started to school at the Seminary. Cloudy nearly all day.

Tuesday 21. Morning, hauled a load of water. Ploughing. Afternoon, Ploughing. Very warm. Ploughed up a nest of bumblebees. They stung the horses very bad.

Wednesday 22. Put some stubbles on the bees nest and burnt the most of them. Ploughing. Afternoon, hauled 2 loads of sand & load of water,

Thursday 23. Hauling sand & scooping the dirt off of the sand bank. Afternoon, ploughing the cherry tree field. There is a very nice

Friday 24. cherry tree in this field & very full of cherries. Hauling in hay & fixing the tops of the stacks. Very cloudy. Afternoon, ploughing. Ground is dry & dusty.

Saturday 25. Went round by town, got the horses shod & a coupling job for the wagon & 650 brick. Afternoon, got some long poplar for scaffold.

Sunday 26. A fine day. Pa & I went up to the camp meeting. Roads very dusty & a great crowd of people were there. Were at Uncle Georges.

Monday 27. Goes to Livingstons for a load of fresh lime. Hauled 1 load of water. Afternoon, hauled 6 loads of scaffold poles, 30 feet L.

Tuesday 28. Hauled 5 scaffold poles. Afternoon, hauled 2 loads of posts & 3 loads of sand. No masons there today. Discharging Jim Watson.

Wednesday 29. Morning hauled a load of water. Four masons at work. Flowing. The ground is very dry & hard. One mason quit & other sick.

Thursday 30. Flowing all day. Commenced on the wheat stubbles. Ground is dry and hard. Two masons at work on the building. They laid the sill to front door.

Friday 31. Flowing in the forenoon. Afternoon, took 14 bu. wheat to the mill & got some tea & rice. On Monday Cassins L. Clay is to speak.

Setpember, Saturday 1. Hauling some straw on the stubbles and weeds to burn them. Flowing. Hauled $\frac{1}{2}$ load of water. Three masons at work.

Sunday 2. A fine day. Goes up to Camp Meeting in Deer Grove. Took dinner at Uncle Georges tent with the Preacher. Very dusty. Cool in the evening.

Monday 3. Cloudy. Starts for the mass meeting. In the crowd broke the neck yoke & ran the thing through a man's buggy. Heard Clay.

Tuesday 4. Rained last night. Expecting the thrashers. They came at noon. Afternoon, thrashing. Cuts hands. Thrashed 2 stacks. 105 bu. Very warm.

Wednesday 5. Rained in the morning. Cleaning up the wheat over in the barn. But one mason at work. The Garriers threw down a large point or rock.

Thursday 6. A heavy fog in the morning. Commenced after it cleared away. Thrashed $3\frac{1}{2}$ stacks. Wheat is good. Warm. Evening, Cloudy.

Friday 7. Rained in the night. Cleaning up Red River Wheat. Helping to put part of the cornice to the house in the barn.

Saturday 8. Rained a great deal in the night. Too wet to thrash. At home in the forenoon. Afternoon goes after plums out to Blackoak.

Sunday 9. A fine day. Mr. Grafe & Abm Rhorer & Wife are here. Evening took a walk over to the farm. The ground is very wet.

Monday 10. Commenced thrashing again. Thrashed 2 wheat stacks & 4 oats stacks. Stacking the straw & cutting bands. Cool.

Tuesday 11. A fine clear morning. Very windy. It blew the straw & chaff a great ways. Finished thrashing. Hauling out manure. Afternoon, plowing

Wednesday 12. A very thick frost. Goes to Livingstons for lime. Hauled one load of sand. Afternoon, plowing. Ground is wet.

Thursday 13. Rained last night. Goes over to plow. Bad plowing. The ground was not plowed last year. The wheat sowed in.

Friday 14. The corn stalks & shovel plowed. Goes by town for 11 window frames. Plowing the rest of the day. Flies are very bad.

Saturday 15. Rainy. Cleaning up wheat in the barn. Put 150 bu. in the granary. Afternoon, cleared off.

Sunday 16. A pleasant day at home. The hazelnuts & haws are ripe. The corn is beginning to dry. Looks yellow.

Monday 17. Plowing. Afternoon, hauled 2 loads of sand, 2 masons at work. Evening, plowing. A great deal of fodder has been cut.

Tuesday 18. Plowing. Had several light showers during the day. Plowed a land of 15 steps across the large field.

Wednesday 19. Plowing all day. Talking about the railroad. Say they will have it through next August.

Thursday 20. Goes round by town for a load of lime. Got 15 bu. Hauled a load of sand & a load of water. Plowing. Rained.

Friday 21. Plowing all forenoon. Afternoon, plowing till 2 o'clock. Mensager fell from the scaffold on a rock. Hauled him to

Saturday 22. town on the wagon. He was hurt pretty bad. Plowing all day with the new grandetour plow. It is a good kind.

Sunday 23. A very windy day. Goes to town for Uncle John & Aunt Mary. Evening, took them home. Thundered & lightning. Rained.

Monday 24. Plowing all day. If I had had a gun, might have shot a wildgoose & some prairie chickens.

Tuesday 25. Finished plowing the 18 acre piece. Cloudy & cold all day. Court week.

Wednesday 26. Commenced plowing in the field next the barn. Cloudy & sprinkling in the evening. Patrated Jesse for a yoke of oxen. Pretty fine ones.

Thursday 27. Plowing all day. In this field the ground is loose & dry. There is a little clover scattered over the whole field.

Friday 28. Plowing all day. At noon carried in some wheat. Have part of the house as high as the top of the first story windows.

Saturday 29. Plowing out potatoes on the breaking. Got about 10 bu. One team & 3 hands working all day. A cold wind.

Sunday 30. At home all day. Mr. Shirk was here. Gathering some black haws. They are plenty of them.

October, Monday 1. Rained a little in the night. Goes to town, gets a pair of boots for \$3.50 at Chapmans.

Tuesday 2. Cleared off. Gets quite warm. Chopping wood in the morning. Plowing the rest of the day.

Wednesday 3. Plowing. Very warm. After dinner rained. commenced plowing. It soon commenced raining very hard.

Thursday 4. Rained all night. Chopping wood. Afternoon, helping Felix build a hog pen.

Friday 5. Making a hog pen below the new one. Made a very good one. Afternoon, sawing and splitting wood.

Saturday 6. Fencing up the hogs. Have 41 to fatten. Husking corn. It is very good. Picking out seed corn.

Sunday 7. At home in the forenoon. Afternoon, drove Lize in the little wagon with the children over to the farm & through

Monday 8. the grove. Very warm. Evening, wind is blowing from the N.E. Monday morning. quite cold. Cold all day. Plowing. (See Memorandum.)

Tuesday 9. Plowing all day. Cool in the morning. The first day of the County Fair. A N.W. wind blowing.

Wednesday 10. Goes to the fair. A great many people there. A windy day. Forenoon, hung up some seed corn. A very good fair.

Thursday 11. A very cold N.W. wind blowing all day. Hunting through the grove. Afternoon, goes to the fair. Pa bought the Many Reaper (that was exhibited) for \$150.

Friday 12. Plowing all day. Very cold & cloudy. A northwest wind blowing all the time.

Saturday 13. Husking corn all day. We have a great many pumpkins. Evening, to see the illumination.

Sunday 14. There was a very heavy frost last night. Most everything that would freeze is frozen. At home all day.

Monday 15. Goes to town with Mother to get some clothes. Afternoon, hauling in pumpkins. Evening, playing chess.

Tuesday 16. Had a heavy frost. Was up before daylight. Saw Venus, the Morning Star. Plowing all day. Finished the 20 acre piece.

Wednesday 17. Finished the plowing at the other place. Digging my nuts. Afternoon, plowing in the oats field.

Thursday 18. Plowing all day in the oats field. Burnt off the wheat stubbles. The oats is grown up so that it forms sod.

Friday 19. Plowing in the forenoon. Afternoon, Pa took the horse. Husking corn & hauling in pumpkins.

Saturday 20. Husking corn, digging the snow drop potatoes. Afternoon, hauled in the corn & some pumpkins and 20 bu. of potatoes. Aunt Ann was here.

Sunday 21. Shone all day.

Monday 22. Husking corn all day. There was a very large flock of black birds lit on the hill by the creek.

Tuesday 23. Husking corn and digging potatoes with a dung fork. The potatoe crop is very good this year.

Wednesday 24. Waber & I are husking corn all day. Where there are 8 or 10 stalks of corn in a hill, they have nothing but

Thursday 25. on the. Plowing all day finished the first division of the oats field & commenced the run. The ground is dry & hard.

Friday 26. Digging some potatoes. They are very good this year. A strong wind from the East. Cold. Evening, sprinkling.

Saturday 27. It rained in the night. Greasing the harness. Afternoon, chopping wood and putting wasy some seed corn. Evening, clear.

Sunday 28. Abe Lichty & Slaymans folke were here. Cold & windy, drizzling a little. At home all day.

Monday 29. Plowing all day. The ground is very hard at some places. Very windy but not cold. S.W. Wind blowing.

Tuesday 30. Plowing all day. Finished the oats field. Plowing down by the creek. Raining a little in the afternoon.

Wednesday 31. Husking corn with Johnathan. Cloudy. They left a hog out of the pen and he has gone away.

November, Thursday 1. Raining and blowing all day. In the house. Tied the cows in the stable and fed them pumpkins.

Friday 2. Raining in the morning. Johnathan & I killed a fat hog. Chopping wood & boiling potatoes. Amos started east.

Saturday 3. He heard that his mother was very sick. Helping Pa in the bank counting money & adding up accounts. Cold & rainy.

Sunday 4. At home all day. Aunt Mary & Uncle John were here. Cold. Wind blowing all day. Did not thaw in the shade.

Monday 5. Goes to town early. Helping Pa in the bank. Snows a little. Cold. Did not thaw. The roads are very rough.

Tuesday 6. In at the bank. Not much business doing. Election day. The wide awakes marched up to the poles & voted for "Old Abe".

Wednesday 7. In the bank considerable business in the afternoon. Heard that Lincoln got 1100 majority in this County. Evening, warmer. Froze hard last night.

Thursday 8. In the bank very little business doing. Warmer. Evening drizzling a little. Have not heard from Amos yet.

Friday 9. In the bank not very much business. Expected to hear from Amos but did not. Not very warm.

Saturday 10. In the Bank considerable business doing. A pleasant day. Have not heard from Amos yet. Lincoln is elected.

Sunday 11. A pleasant day. Pa & I went over to the Zell school house to meeting. Preached German. At Uncle Georges.

Monday 12. In the bank some business. Not very cold. Did not hear from Amos. They are still working at the building. A fine evening.

Tuesday 13. In the bank considerable business doing. A very fine day. Pa got a letter from Amos. His mother was a little better but still very feeble.

Wednesday 14. In the bank business dull. A very fine day. Yesterday they put up the cap for the front door. Fine weather for

Thursday 15. husking corn. In the bank not much business. Took Mother into town. Mrs. Pennypacker is here.

Friday 16. A very warm day. Out of doors warmer than in the house. In the bank. Got a letter from Amos. His mother was some better.

Saturday 17. In the bank considerable business. The masons quit work at the building for this year. A fine day.

Sunday 18. Took Mother & Mrs. Pennypacker over to Rhorers. A windy day & cloudy. Getting colder. Sprinkled a little.

Monday 19. In the bank considerable business. The weather has changed & it is very windy, dusty & cold. Walked into town.

Tuesday 20. Not so cold. Not very much business. There is some talk that S. Carolina is a going to leave the Union.

Wednesday 21. Took in a great deal of money on deposit. Today's paper say the banks have rejected from 10 to 12 of the

Thursday 22. (Snowing nearly all day) Illinois Banks. Exchange is high & can hardly be bought at all. Gold is high. People are scared about the banks breaking.

Friday 23. Walked into town. Very cold & windy. The snow is flying in every direction. Not very much business.

Saturday 24. (See Memorandum) Rode into town in the sleigh. Very cold and windy. Not very much business doing. Considerable talk about the Banks of Illinois.

Sunday 25. When I got up in the morning, I could hardly walk. My feet were so sore from being frozen. A pleasant day. Wrote to Amos.

Monday 26. Not so cold as Saturday. Snowed in the night. Drizzling in the morning, turned to snow. Sleighing is very good. Moonlight.

Tuesday 27. Go to town in the sleigh. Considerable business. Trying to post some. Sawed some wood. A pleasant day in the sun.

Wednesday 28. Froze hard last night. Pretty cold in the morning. Not very much business. Commenced Journalizing. Thawed a little. Evening, Pa & boys town.

Thursday 29. Warm all day. Snow melted considerable. Sleighing spoiled. Walked into town. Thanksgiving.

Friday 30. Journalizing most all day. Not much business. Some talk that South Carolina is going to leave the Union.

December, Saturday 1. Did not thaw any today. Considerable business doing. Evening, was into hear a lecture on six days of Creation.

Sunday 2. At home all day. Not cold. Snowing all after noon. Ma & Pa went to Uncle Georges.

Monday 3. Goes totown in the sleigh. Snowing all day. Snow is to light for good sleighing yet. Finished journalizing November.

Tuesday 4. Goes to town in the sleigh. A pleasant day. Finished journalizing October. Commenced posting. Considerable business. Thawed a little. Evening, made a trap.

Wednesday 5. Goes to town in the sleigh. Not much business. Very cold wind blowing from northwest. Evening, goes to spelling school.

Thursday 6. Pleasant. Goes in the sleigh. Warm & thawing. Sleighing is most gone. Brought a cutting machine home.

Friday 7. Butchering. Killed three hogs & a beef. Thawing all day. Finished all day. Amos has come back. Wind is blowing from N.E.

Saturday 8. Goes into town in the waggon. A very pleasant day for this time of the year. Amos & I were both in the bank.

Sunday 9. At home all day. Anie & John were here. It commenced snowing at dinner & snowed the rest of the day.

Monday 10. Started to school. Very deep snow. Commenced translating Virgil. A very full school. Translating the fable in Greek.

Tuesday 11. Goes to school. Very hard translating in Virgil in the Aeneid. Pretty cold. Sleighing very good.

Wednesday 12. Goes to school. Trying to find a piece to speak the last day. Cold. This snow is drifting.

Thursday 13. Walks into school. Cold. Rode home in a sled. The sleighing could not be better. Caught two quails.

Friday 14. Goes to school. Beginning to like it better. School was excused about 3 o'clock. Pretty cold. Trying to find an oration.

Saturday 15. At home all day. Goes hunting. Caught a rabbit & shot one quail. Caught five in my trap in the garden.

Sunday 16. Had quite a sleigh ride last evening up to Arnold's Grove.

Monday 17. Goes to school. Sleighing is good yet. All the talk is about the Jubilee. Thawed a little.

Tuesday 18. Goes to school. Raining all afternoon and all night. Sleighing is most gone. Quite icy.

Wednesday 19. Goes to school. Water is running all day. Sleighing is done for. Weighed a hog for Felix 202 lbs. & one for Weber, 137 lbs.

Thursday 20. Goes to school. Snowed a little last night. Not good sleighing. No school in the afternoon. Got \$2.00 of my wages at the Bank.

Friday 21. Snowing very fast and fine. Afternoon, goes to town (blowing) to the Jubilee. Pretty cold. Had a nice supper.

Saturday 22. At home all day. Pretty cold. Goes to Rhorer's for some eggs to make Christmas cakes. At home in the evening.

Sunday 23. It was very cold last night. Was down cutting the creek open for the cattle to drink. A pleasant day but cold.

Monday 24. Last night was very clear & stars & moon were very brilliant. At home all day, snowing & blowing.

Tuesday 25. From the East nearly all night. Did not go to the party at John Bowmans. Griskingle brought me a new knife. Over at Uncle Georges in evening.

Wednesday 26. At home all day with Ross. Chopping, sawing & splitting wood. This is very good exercise.

Thursday 27. At home all day. A man brought Pa four sheep. Fixing their pen & splitting wood.

Friday 28. Morning, goes through town for a load of wood. Hauled $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cord. Blowing & drifting. Afternoon, it rained & snowed.

Saturday 29. It snowed and blew very much last night. Very stormy and cold today. Snow is drifting.

Sunday 30. Aunt Susan & Aunt Ann & John Bowman were here. Not very cold. At home all day.

Monday 31. Last night was pretty cold. In the morning was down chopping the creek open. Caught ten quails in one trap. Afternoon, pleasanter.

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January 7. Evening, on looking suddenly up at the moon it appeared to be falling south on account of the rapid motion of a body of clouds very near the earth.

April 27. The new house. Working at the cellar. Little sister born.

October 8. The house. Put the cap on the south kitchen door & set up two of the large scaffold poles. Three masons at work.

November 24. Very cold weather for this time of the year. They say that the watering place by the bridge at the creek was not frozen so bad all last winter. The boys are skating on the bridge pond all day.